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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SAMORA MACHEL

1. THROUGH PERSONAL GOOD OFFICES FOREIGN MINISTER VERNON MWAANGA, FRELIMO INFORMATION CHIEF GEORGE RUBELLO PHONED ME EARLY MORNING OCT 25 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUGGESTED MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND ASST SECY EASUM. MEETING NOW SET FOR DAR, PROBABLY OCT 31. RUBELLO ASKED ME TO COME OVER FOR PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH MACHEL AT FRELIMO VILLA IN MULUNGUSHI VILLAGE WHERE CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF DELEGATION LODGED FOR ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.

2. RUBELLO MET ME AT DOOR AND USHERED ME INTO SITTING ROOM WHERE MACHEL WAS WAITING WITH THREE OTHER AIDES. HE GAVE ME VERY WARM AND GRACIOUS WELCOME IN FRENCH, SAYING HE HAD HEARD OF MY PERSONAL INTEREST IN FREE MOZAMBIQUE FROM HIS ZAMBIAN FRIENDS AND HE WAS PLEASED TO MEET ME. I SAID MY INTEREST WAS A REFLECTION OF USG INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL DECOLONIZATION PROCESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MACHEL SAID HE HAD RECEIVED AMBASSADOR CARTER'S LETTER OF THREE WEEKS AGO BUT WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY. IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO DAR HIS PEOPLE WOULD CONTACT OUR EMBASSY THERE AS MACHEL UNABLE TO SEE ASST SECY EASUM IN LUSAKA BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS; ALSO HE HAD FINAL
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MEETING THIS MORNING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA JUST PRIOR TO

TAKING OFF FOR DAR. MACHEL PROPOSED MEETING LATE OCT 30 OR SOMETIME OCT 31. I SAID I THOUGHT LATTER WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

3. THEN LAUNCHING INTO PORTUGUESE, MACHEL SAID MOZAMBIQUE WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE US. US WAS A GREAT COUNTRY, KNEW THE PROBLEMS OF MOZAMBIQUE VERY WELL THROUGH ITS CONSULATE THERE AND HE HOPED MEETING WITH ASST SECY EASUM IN DAR WOULD BE FULL SOUNDING ON WAYS IN WHICH US COULD HELP MOZAMBIQUE WITH ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. I SAID US HAD REVIEWED POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH IT MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO REQUESTS OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND EASUM WOULD BE WELL PREPARED TO HEAR OUT THESE REQUESTS.

4. I THEN ASKED HOW MACHEL SAW FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN GENERAL; WOULD MOZAMBIQUE LOOK TO PORTUGAL TO PROVIDE BASIC ASSISTANCE REPRESENTING AN EXTENSION OF EARLIER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS? MACHEL QUICKLY AND ANIMATEDLY RESPONDED FRELIMO HAD FOUGHT TEN YEARS TO FREE ITSELF FROM PORTUGUESE DOMINATION; HAD WON ITS INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD DEAL WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT INDEPENDENTLY AND NOT CONSIDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE THROUGH PORTUGAL. FEARING QUESTION MISUNDERSTOOD, I RESTATED IT ONLY TO HAVE MACHEL REPEAT HIS STATEMENT THAT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NEGOTIATED INDEPENDENTLY "STARTING FROM ZERO."

5. I THEN CALLED ATTENTION TO US TRADE AND INVESTMENT LINKS WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND SAW NO REASON WHY THESE COULD NOT CONTINUE AND EXPAND; SAID AMERICAN FIRMS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN MOZAMBIQUE WZH EXPANSION PLANS APPARENTLY GOING AHEAD AND THIS IN ITSELF WAS A SIGN OF CONFIDENCE IN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. MACHEL SEEMED PLEASED BUT QUICKLY SAID WITH A SMILE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION.

6. MY NEXT QUESTION RELATED TO MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, ESPECIALLY MIGRATORY LABOR. MACHEL SAID THAT TOO WAS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND THAT MOZAMBIQUE INTENDED "TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH BOTH COUNTRIES."

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7. AT DINNER LAST NIGHT HOSTED BY UNIP SECRETARY GENERAL ZULU FOR VISITING DELEGATIONS, BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR MESQUITA TOLD ME HE ENGINEERED CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH MACHEL

WHICH TO HIS CHAGRIN PROVED BRIEF AND VERGING ON OFFENSIVE. BRAZILIAN TOLD MACHEL HIS GOVERNMENT PREPARED OFFER ASSISTANCE. MACHEL QUICKLY RETORTED THAT IF IT WAS

CULUTRAL, MOZAMBIQUE NOT PREPARED ACCEPT AND ASSERTED WE
HAVE OUR OWN CULTURE. THIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON BRAZILIAN
ASSISTANCE SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH THAT
RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY CHISSANO (LOURENCO
MARQUES 809) AND RECTOR OF LOURENCO MARQUES UNIVERSITY
TO OUR CONGEN (LOURENCO MARQUES 895) REGARDING
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO PIQUED THAT
HIS COLLEAGUE IN ADDIS REQUESTED TO SEE MACHEL THERE DURING
LAST OAU MEETING BUT WAS IGNORED.
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